

	SATOP BULLETIN			
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1. Effected Programs:

1.1. OMU, OEP, ADEP, WIP, CIP, YCIP and SROP.

2. Purpose:

2.1. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification on the role of a Qualified Substance Abuse Professional (QSAP) and a SATOP Qualified Professional (SQP) working specifically at a contracted Substance Abuse Traffic Offender Program (SATOP) or outpatient substance use treatment agency.

3. Background:

3.1. A definition of an SQP is not currently found in ADA certification standards. A designation as an SQP is required for specific job functions in SATOP specific to the OMU, OEP, ADEP, and WIP. To become credentialed as an SQP an individual must obtain specialized training in several core functions of SATOP from the screening process to the specified program levels of intervention. The credentialing requirements are managed through the Missouri Credentialing Board.

3.2. The definition of a QSAP can be found in ADA certification standards under **9 CSR 10-7.140 (RR)**. The function of a QSAP within SATOP is specific to programs certified to provide outpatient treatment services at the intensive outpatient rehabilitation and/or supported recovery levels of care. This would include CIP, YCIP, and the SROP.

3.2.1. The QSAP designation signifies that an individual has other credentials and experience which qualifies him/her to provide substance use treatment services. The QSAP designation itself is not a certification, license, or registration. Nor is it a stand-alone recognition, as its assignment is dependent, in part, on a separate license, certification, or registration.

3.2.2. In the “general treatment” community, the contracted service provider is responsible for designating QSAP’s in accordance with qualifying criteria as listed in ADA Certification Standards.

3.2.3. An Associate Substance Abuse Counselor (RASAC I, RASAC II) can provide limited treatment services in an outpatient treatment setting specific to SATOP. An associate counselor can provide group counseling, individual counseling, and group education pursuant to the supervisor’s oversight, guidance, and full professional responsibility.

- 3.2.3.1.1. The supervisor in providing oversight to the associate counselor must have completed clinical supervision training and provide documentation of clinical supervision of an associate counselor.

4. Definition

4.1 The QSAP definition in ADA Certification Standard, **9 CSR 10-7.140 (RR)** is as follows:

4.1.1. **QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL**, a person who demonstrates substantial knowledge and skill regarding substance abuse by being one (1) of the following:

- 4.1.1.1. A physician or qualified mental health professional who is licensed in Missouri with at least one (1) year of full-time experience in the treatment of persons with substance use disorders;
- 4.1.1.2. A person who is certified or registered as a substance abuse professional by the Missouri Credentialing Board; or
- 4.1.1.3. An individual who is within one (1) year of meeting one of the above criteria and has a department approved written training plan.

4.2 The requirements for credentialing as an SQP through the Missouri Credentialing Board are as follows:

- Candidate must hold credential as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor(CADC) or higher
- Perform 10 OMU assessments
- Receive training on the ADEP workbook
- Observe 1 OEP and 1 WIP class
- Perform 2 WIP individual sessions

4.3 Until such time that the ADA Certification Standards are revised to include reference to an SQP, this bulletin shall serve as guidance.

4.4 The following outline staff requirements by program:

4.4.1 SQP - screening, education, and program services in OMU, OEP, ADEP and WIP

4.4.2 QSAP - assessment, treatment services in CIP, YCIP and SROP. An associate counselor may perform certain treatment functions under clinical supervision.

5. End of bulletin